

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, at line 11:

A faucet with pre-rinse assembly can be provided in a shipping package that facilitates quick and easy removal and installation of the packaged fittings by the installer. Such a product includes a first rigid substrate that has been rendered porous to the passage of air therethrough. The tension spring of the pre-rinse assembly rests on the substrate. A flexible steel hose is connected to a connection fitting and is disposed through the spring until the fitting is received within the spring and protrudes from one end thereof in a position that is ready for connection to the riser. A polyurethane inner sleeve lines the inside of the stainless steel flexible hose. A rigid shell is configured and disposed to cover the spring and the hose and rest against the substrate. The shell is desirably composed of clear polyvinylchloride having a basis weight of about ~~[[0.105]]~~ 1,050 kg/cubic meter. A sheet of flexible material is heated and shrink-wrapped over the shell and the substrate and holds the shell against the substrate. The sheet of flexible material desirably comprises a polyethylene film having a basis weight in the range of 920 kilograms per cubic meter to 950 kilograms per cubic meter. The sheet of flexible material is heated to a temperature in the range of 70 to 110 degrees Centigrade before being shrink-wrapped. Thus, the rigid shell is disposed between the underlying rigid substrate and the shrink-wrapped plastic sheet so that both the spring and the hose are protected from entanglement with the heated sheet of flexible material.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 5,

A shell 83 that is rigid and desirably formed of transparent plastic material is configured and disposed to cover the spring 82 and the hose 13 inserted therein. This shell 83 is pre-molded to the desired configuration that enables the shell 83 to be placed over the spring 82 and hose 13 and rest against the substrate 32. The shell 83 is desirably composed of clear polyvinylchloride having a basis weight of about  $[[0.105]]$  1,050 kilograms per cubic meter.